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St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois

Electronic Version

Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Three

HYMN: "With the Lord Begin Thy Task" *TLH 540 / LSB 869*

Lutheran Quartet

1. **With the Lord begin thy task,
Jesus will direct it;
For His aid and counsel ask,
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In His name then close thine eyes;
Be to Him commended.**
2. **Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration;
On the Lord cast every care,
He is thy salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near thee,
Save thee from the tempter's might,
With His presence cheer thee.**
3. **With thy Savior at thy side,
Foes need not alarm thee;
In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm thee.
All thy trust do thou repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.**
4. **If thy task be thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then thy course will run,
Naught thy soul distressing.
Good will follow everywhere
While thou here must wander;
Thou at last the joy wilt share
In the mansions yonder.** *[continued]*

5. **Thus, Lord Jesus, every task
Be to Thee commended;
May Thy will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Thy name begun
Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
To Thy praise forever.**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184-185

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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PSALM: *Read Psalm 116:1-9.*

¹ *I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.*
² *Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*
³ *The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.*
⁴ *Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”*
⁵ *Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.*
⁶ *The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.*
⁷ *Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.*
⁸ *For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;*
⁹ *I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.*
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

KYRIE *LSB 186 / TLH p.7 or 17*

C: *(Sung:)* **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187-189 / TLH pp. 7-9 or 17-19*

C: *(Sung:)* **Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing:)* **And with thy spir – it.**

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(Sing:)* **A - - - men.** [LSB 189]

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4-10

P: ⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will

eat them up.

¹⁰ Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

James 3:1-12

P: ¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TRIPLE ALLELUIA (*Sung by all:*)

Allelu – ia. Allelu - ia. Allelu - - ia.

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HOLY GOSPEL*Mark 9:14-29*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C: (*Sing:*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: ¹⁴And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*Sing:*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED *LSB 192*

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: "Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink" *TLH 396*

Lutheran Quartet

1. **Oh, for a faith that will not shrink
Tho' pressed by many a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe;**
2. **That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Can lean upon its God;**
3. **A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That, when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt;**
4. **That bears unmoved the world's dread frown
Nor heeds its scornful smile;
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown
Nor Satan's arts beguile;**

5. **A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Lights up the dying bed.**
6. **Lord give us such a faith as this;
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.**

SERMON: "I Believe, Help My Unbelief" *Mark 9:14-29*

HYMN: "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

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1. **Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With His cheer;
Never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For me won
When His life was given?**
2. **When life's troubles rise to meet me,
Though their weight May be great,
They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sends them;
He who knows All my woes
Knows how best to end them.**
3. **God gives me my days of gladness,
And I will Trust Him still
When He send me sadness.
God is good;
His love attends me
Day by day, Come what may,
Guides me and defends me.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION *[LSB 202]*

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices" *TLH 243*

Lutheran Quartet

- Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God hath done for me.**

2. **Dear Father, endless praise I render
For soul and body, strangely joined;
I praise Thee Guardian kind and tender,
For all the noble joys I find
So richly spread on every side
And freely for my use supplied.**

3. **I praise Thee, Savior, whose compassion
Hath brought Thee down to ransom me;
Thy pitying heart sought my salvation,
Though keenest woes were heaped on Thee,
Brought me from bondage full release,
Made me Thine own and gave me peace.**

4. **Glory and praise, still onward reaching,
Be Thine, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy power and faithful teaching
Give me among Thy saints a place!
Whate'er of good by me is done
Is of Thy grace and light alone.**

5. **Shall I not, then, be filled with gladness?
Shall I not praise Thee evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness,
E'en when my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heaven and earth shall pass away,
Thy loving-kindness stands for aye.**

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